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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, TW

SUBJECT: ARREST OF WANG HSING-NAN

REF: TAIPEI 415

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2. MRS. WANG SAYS THAT HER HUSBAND'S BUSINESS CONTACTS IN HONG KONG ASKED IN LATE DECEMBER THAT WANG COME TO HONG KONG FOR BUSINESS ON JANUARY 4. WANG DID SO. WANG THEN REPORTEDLY TELEPHONED HIS WIFE FROM HONG KONG ON
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JANUARY 7 AND RETURNING TO THE US BY JANUARY 13.

3. ON JANUARY 19, HOWARD WANG RECEIVED A TELEGRAM SENT IN WANG HSING-NAN'S NAME STATING THAT THE LATTER WAS SICK AND IN A HOSPITAL, PRESUMABLY IN JAPAN. WHEN THE FAMILY HAD THIS TELEGRAM TRACED, THEY WERE TOLD THAT THE TELEGRAM HAD BEEN DISPATCHED BY THE ROC'S EAST ASIAN RELATIONS ASSOCIATION OFFICE IN TOKYO. SUBSEQUENTLY, WANG'S WIFE WAS BEWILDERED BY A PHONE CALL FROM HER HUSBAND'S FATHER, WHO SAID HE HAD BEEN ARRESTED AND RELEASED, URGING THAT WANG HSING-NAN RETURN TO TAIWAN TO RESOLVE UNSTATED PROBLEMS FACING THE FAMILY. MRS. WANG THEN LEARNED FROM CHINESE LANGUAGE PAPERS IN NEW YORK THAT HER HUSBAND HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN TAIWAN REPORTEDLY ON JANUARY 7.

4. SMYLIE SAID THE FAMILY WAS CONCERNED THAT WANG HSING-NAN MAY HAVE BEEN DUPED INTO VISITING HONG KONG AND FROM THERE TRICKED INTO RETURNING TO TAIWAN.

5. DEPTOFF TOLD SMYLIE ABOUT GIO PRESS RELEASE (PARA 2 REFTEL) AND BACKGROUND OF LETTER BOMBING INCIDENTS. WHILE EXPLAINING LIMITS OF OUR ABILITY TO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO ROC CITIZENS UNDER ARREST IN THE ROC, DEPTOFF OFFERED TO DISCUSS MATTER FURTHER WITH WANG'S WIFE OR BROTHER SHOULD THEY WISH TO DO SO.

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